## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (previously amended): A compound of the formula (I)

Het 
$$\bigvee_{V}^{X}$$
  $\bigvee_{Z}^{V}$   $\bigvee_{Z}^{V}$ 

### wherein

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V represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl or alkoxy,

W represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, optionally substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylalkoxy or phenylalkylthio,

X represents halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, cyano, nitro, optionally substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylalkyloxy or phenylalkylthio,

Y represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,

z represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro or optionally substituted phenoxy, phenylthio, 5- or 6-membered hetaryloxy, 5- or 6-membered hetarylthio, phenylalkyloxy or phenylalkylthio,

Het represents one of the groups

#### wherein

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

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E represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

L represents oxygen or sulphur,

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

- R<sup>1</sup> represents optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl or represents optionally halogen-, alkyl- or alkoxy-substituted cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl or represents optionally substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, hetaryl, phenoxyalkyl or hetaryloxyalkyl,
- R<sup>2</sup> represents optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl or represents optionally substituted cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl,
- R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently represent optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkylthio, alkenylthio or cycloalkylthio or represent optionally substituted phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,
- R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently represent hydrogen, represent optionally halogenor cyano-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, represent optionally substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted cyclic group which optionally contains oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound below

$$H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 

Claim 2 (previously amended): The compound of Claim 1, wherein

- V represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy,
- $\label{eq:warpon} W \qquad \text{represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, halogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_2$-$C_6$-alkenyl or $C_2$-$C_6$- alkynyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-halogenoalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-halogenoalkoxy or optionally halogen-, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl-, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkoxy-, $C_1$-$C_4$-halogenoalkyl-, $C_1$-$C_4$-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy or phenyl-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-a$
- x represents halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>- alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy, cyano, nitro or optionally halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio,
- Y represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,
- represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro or optionally halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogeno-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-substituted phenoxy, phenylthio, thiazolyloxy, pyridinyloxy, pyrimidyloxy, pyrazolyloxy, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyloxy or phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio,

Het represents one of the groups

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

$$\mathbb{R}^{4}$$
 $\mathbb{R}^{5}$  (e),  $\mathbb{E}$  (f), or  $\mathbb{R}^{7}$  (g)

wherein

E represents a metal ion or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R1 represents optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkylthio- $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl or poly- $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl or represents optionally halogen-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl- or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy-substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur,

represents optionally halogen-, cyano-, nitro-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -halogenoalkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -halogenoalkoxy-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylsulphonyl-substituted phenyl,

represents optionally halogen-, nitro-, cyano-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -halogenoalkyl- or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,

represents optionally halogen- or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl-substituted 5- or 6-membered hetaryl having one or two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen, represents optionally halogen- or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl-substituted phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl or

represents optionally halogen-, amino- or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl-substituted 5- or 6-membered hetaryloxy- $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl having one or two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

represents optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy- $C_2$ - $C_8$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ -alkyl,

represents optionally halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl or represents optionally halogen-, cyano-, nitro-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>

alkoxy-,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -halogenoalkyl- or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

- R<sup>3</sup> represents optionally halogen-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl or optionally halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or benzyl,
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently represent optionally halogen-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylthio or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenylthio or represent optionally halogen-, nitro-, cyano-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkylthio-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-halogenoalkyl-substituted phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,
- R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently represent hydrogen, represent optionally halogenor cyano-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy,
  C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, represent optionally
  halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-halogenoalkyl- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxysubstituted phenyl or benzyl or together represent an optionally C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylene radical in which optionally one
  methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound below

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$$H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 

Claim 3 (previously amended): The compound of Claim 1, wherein

- V represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,
- W represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ -halogenoalkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_2$ -halogenoalkoxy,
- x represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,
- Y represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,
- z represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro or optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-substituted phenoxy or benzyloxy,

Het represents one of the groups

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

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E represents a metal ion or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, cyano-, nitro-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-halogenoalkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulphonyl-substituted phenyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy-,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -halogenoalkyl- or  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-substituted pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl or thienyl, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-substituted phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl or

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, amino- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-substituted pyridyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl, pyrimidyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl, thiazolyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl,

 $\label{eq:c2-C16-alkyl} R^2 \quad \text{represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted $C_1$-$C_{16}$-alkyl, $$C_2$-$C_{16}$-alkenyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkoxy-$C_2$-$C_6$-alkyl, $$C_2$-$C_6$-alkyl, $$C_2$-$C_6$ 

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represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy-substituted  $C_3$ - $C_7$ -cycloalkyl or

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, cyano-, nitro-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-halogenoalkyl- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

R<sup>3</sup> represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkoxy-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-halogenoalkyl-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

 $\mathsf{R}^4$  and  $\mathsf{R}^5$  independently represent optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted  $\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_6\text{-}\mathsf{alkyl},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_6\text{-}\mathsf{alkoxy},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_6\text{-}\mathsf{alkylamino},\,\mathsf{di}(\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_6\text{-}\mathsf{alkyl})\mathsf{amino},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_6\text{-}\mathsf{alkylthio}$  or  $\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{C}_4\text{-}\mathsf{alkenylthio}$  or represent optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, nitro-, cyano-,  $\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{alkoxy-},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{alkoxy-},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{alkylthio-},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{alkylthio-},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{alkylthio-},\,\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{alkyl-}$  or  $\mathsf{C}_1\text{-}\mathsf{C}_3\text{-}\mathsf{halogenoalkyl-substituted}$  phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently represent hydrogen, represent optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, represent optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-halogenoalkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together represent an optionally C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur, except for the compound below

$$H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $F_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 

Claim 4 (previously amended): The compound of Claim 1, wherein
 V represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, methoxy or ethoxy,

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- W represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, methoxy or ethoxy,
- X represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy or cyano,
- Y represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,
- z represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,

Het represents one of the groups

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

wherein

E represents a metal ion or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R<sup>1</sup> represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, n-butyl-, isobutyl-, tert-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n-propoxy- or isopropoxy-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-

cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, cyano-, nitro-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, trifluoro-methyl-, trifluoromethoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted phenyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, trifluoromethyl- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted benzyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted furanyl, thienyl or pyridyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, amino-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted pyridyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, pyrimidyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, thiazolyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,

represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or poly-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl- or methoxy-substituted  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl,

or represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, cyano-, nitro-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, trifluoromethyl- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

R<sup>3</sup> represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl, or optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, isopropyl-, tert-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, isopropoxy-, trifluoromethyl-, trifluoromethoxy-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

 $R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently represent optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)amino or

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio or represent optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, nitro-, cyano-, methyl-, methoxy-, trifluoromethyl- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

 $R^6$  and  $R^7$  independently represent hydrogen, represent optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_3$ - $C_4$ -alkenyl or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy- $C_2$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, represent optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, methoxy- or trifluoromethyl-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together represent an optionally methyl- or ethyl-substituted  $C_5$ - $C_6$ -alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound below

$$H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $F_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 

Claim 5 (previously amended): A process for preparing a compound of Claim 1, comprising

condensing intramolecularly a compound of the formula (II)

$$F_3C \xrightarrow{CO_2R^8} X \qquad V \qquad (II)$$

wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z are as defined in Claim 1, and

R<sup>8</sup> represents alkyl

in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a base, yielding a compound of the formula (I-1-a)

or

condensing intramolecularly a compound of the formula (III)

wherein

V, W, X, Y, Z and R<sup>8</sup> are as defined in Claim 1, in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a base to yield a compound of the formula (I-2-a)

$$\mathsf{F_3C} \overset{\mathsf{HO}}{\underbrace{\hspace{1cm} \mathsf{X} \hspace{1cm} \mathsf{V}}} \mathsf{Y} \qquad \qquad \mathsf{(I-2-a)}$$

and

collecting the reaction product

Claim 6 (previously amended): The compound of the formula (II)

$$F_3C - \bigvee_{N}^{CO_2R^8} \bigvee_{N}^{X} \bigvee_{V}$$
 (II)

wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z are as defined in Claim 1 and R<sup>8</sup> represents alkyl.

Claim 7 (previously amended): The compound of the formula (III)

wherein

V, W, X, Y, Z and R<sup>8</sup> are as defined in claim 6 except for the compound below

$$F_3C \xrightarrow{O} CH_3 \\ CO_2C_2H_5 CH_3$$

Claim 8 (previously amended): The compound of the formula (XVI)

wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z are as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 9 (previously amended): The compound of the formula (XIX)

V, W, X, Y and Z are as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 10 (previously amended): A compound of the formula (XVIII)

$$H_2N$$
  $CN$   $(XVIII)$ 

Claim 11 (previously amended): The compound of the formula (XIV)

$$F_3C$$
  $CO_2R^8$   $(XIV)$ 

wherein

R<sup>8</sup> is as defined in Claim 6.

Claim 12 (previously amended): A pesticide and/or weed killer comprising at least one compound of Claim 1.

Claim 13 (previously canceled)

Claim 14 (previously amended): A method for controlling at least one of a pest and a weed comprising applying a compound of Claim 1 to the pest, weed and/or its habitat.

Claim 15 (previously amended): A process for preparing at least one of a pesticide and a weed killer comprising mixing at least one compound of Claim 1 with at least one of extenders and surfactants.

Claim 16 (previously canceled).

Claim 17 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (IV)

$$Hal \bigvee_{i \in \mathcal{A}} R^1$$
 (IV)

wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is as defined in Claim 1 and

Hal represents halogen

or

reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (V)

$$R^{1}$$
-CO-O-CO- $R^{1}$  (V)

wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is as defined in Claim 1, and

collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (VI)

$$R^2$$
-M-CO-CI (VI)

wherein

R<sup>2</sup> and M are as defined in Claim 1, and collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (VII)

$$CI \underbrace{\hspace{1cm} M-R^2}_{S}$$
 (VII)

wherein

 $\,$  M and  $\,$  R  $^2$  are as defined in Claim 1, and collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (VIII)

$$R^3$$
-SO<sub>2</sub>-CI (VIII)

wherein

R<sup>3</sup> is as defined in Claim 1, and collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (IX)

$$Hal - P \qquad (IX)$$

$$L \qquad R^5$$

wherein

L, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined in Claim 1.

Hal represents halogen, and collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (X) or (XI)

$$R^{10} \setminus R^{11}$$
 (XI)

wherein

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Me represents a mono- or divalent metal,

t represents the number 1 or 2 and

 $R^{10},\,R^{11},\,R^{12}$  independently represent hydrogen or alkyl, and collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (XII)

$$R^6-N=C=L$$
 (XII)

wherein

R<sup>6</sup> and L are as defined in Claim 1, and collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a catalyst,

or

reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (XIII)

$$R^6$$
 N CI (XIII)

L,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are as defined in Claim 1, and collecting the reaction product, wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.